

OHIO FARM REPORT



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EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during December, 2004, totaled 647 million eggs; up 4 percent from last month but down 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for December, 2003 totaled 653 million eggs. During December, there were 27.8 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,324 eggs per 100 layers, or 75.0 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on January 1, 2005, and 24.0 percent of the layers in Ohio having completed a forced molt as of January 1, 2005. In all egg-producing states on January 1, 2005, 4.1 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.2 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during December 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2004 averaged 345 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,235 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2005, totaled 346 million, up

3 percent from a year ago. The 346 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2005, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 37.0 million, up 10 percent from December 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2005, up 9 percent from a year ago.

The December 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 793 million, was up 2 percent from December of the previous year. There were 651 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 28.2 million, down 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the December 1, 2004 total of 27.7 million.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

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	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2003	2004		2004	2003	2004	2003
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,276	27,839	2,324	653	647	653	647
U.S.	338,243	344,533	2,235	7,520	7,699	7,520	7,699

^{1/} Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Dec.	33,645	37,035	110	780,094	793,047	102	23,424	22,197	95
Jan-Dec.	416,069	437,497	105	9,079,745	9,300,954	103	90,555	86,503	96

^{1/} Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JANUARY 1, 2004 and 2005

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
East North Central ^{1/}	6,935	7,623	110	8,075	8,980	111	4,543	4,469	98
United States	31,655	34,437	109	637,048	650,680	102	28,394	28,199	99

^{1/} Not available by States.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, OHIO AND U.S., 2002-2004 1/

Year & Economic Class 2/	Ohio			United States		
	Number of farms	Average size of farms	Land in farms	Number of farms	Average size of farm	Land in farms
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres
2002						
\$1,000-9,999	45,000	63	2,850	1,201,840	105	126,625
\$10,000-99,999	23,500	194	4,560	604,570	449	271,155
\$100,000 & over	9,300	774	7,200	328,950	1,649	542,520
Total	77,800	188	14,610	2,135,360	440	940,300
2003						
\$1,000-9,999	44,900	62	2,800	1,199,270	104	124,770
\$10,000-99,999	23,400	192	4,500	600,540	450	270,055
\$100,000 & over	9,300	785	7,300	327,050	1,663	543,825
Total	77,600	188	14,600	2,126,860	441	938,650
2004						
\$1,000-9,999	44,000	59	2,600	1,180,560	102	120,840
\$10,000-99,999	23,700	190	4,500	599,170	445	266,495
\$100,000 & over	9,600	781	7,500	333,740	1,646	549,265
Total	77,300	189	14,600	2,113,470	443	936,600

1/ A farm is an establishment that, as of June 1, sold or would normally have sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. 2/ Based on gross sales.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 2004 DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM 2003

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 totaled 264 million birds, down 4 percent from the 274 million raised in 2003. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 28.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, Virginia with 19.7 million, California with 15.7 million, and Indiana with 13.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2005. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2004. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2004 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 5 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, California down 4 percent, and Indiana up 2 percent.

TURKEYS RAISED 2003 AND 2004 AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2005

TICKETS RAISED 2003 AND 2004 AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2005					
State	Number Raised		2004 as % of 2003	Intentions to Raise	
	2003	2004		Number	2005 as %
				2005	of 2004
	Thousand		Percent	Thousand	Percent
Arkansas	30,000	28,500	95	28,000	98
California	17,300	15,700	91	15,000	96
Indiana	12,800	13,300	104	13,600	102
Minnesota	45,000	46,500	103	47,500	102
Missouri	23,500	21,500	91	22,500	105
N. Carolina	42,500	39,000	92	37,000	95
Ohio	5,500	5,800	105	5,700	98
Virginia	23,000	19,700	86	20,000	102
U.S. Total	274,048	264,207	96	257,600	98

1/ Total intentions for 23 major States.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during December 2004 was 388 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during December 2004 was 266 thousand, 8 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,460 pounds, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from December 2003. November revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from November 2003.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,602 pounds for December, 6 pounds above December 2003. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2003, but 4,000 head less than November 2004. Milk production in the U.S. during the October-December quarter totaled 41.9 billion pounds, 0.9 percent above the October-December period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.02 million head, 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

NOVEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2003	2004	04/03	2003	2004	04/03
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream Hard	1,623	1,443	89	13,479	13,958	104

DECEMBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			2004 as % of 2003
	Dec. 2003	Nov. 2004 *	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2003	Nov. 2004 *	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2003	Nov. 2004 *	Dec. 2004	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,697	1,741	1,741	1,740	1,700	1,775	2,953	2,960	3,090	105
Ohio	258	266	266	1,440	1,390	1,460	372	370	388	104
Wisconsin	1,247	1,237	1,236	1,485	1,415	1,490	1,852	1,750	1,842	99
20 State Total	7,713	7,764	7,760	1,596	1,526	1,602	12,313	11,851	12,432	101

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. *Revised.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during December 2004 totaled 27.2 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Total liveweight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 9.1 million pounds, down 22 percent; calves, 2.6 million pounds, down 12 percent; hogs, 28.6 million pounds, down 4 percent; sheep & lambs, 82 thousand pounds, down 15 percent from last year. December 2004 contained 23 weekdays, including 2 holidays, and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in December 2003.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.69 million head, up 1 percent from December 2003. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,268 pounds. Veal production

totalled 14.9 million pounds, 22 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,700 head, down 23 percent from December 2003. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 334 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.25 million head, 1 percent below December 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from December 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 242,400 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2004 commercial red meat production was 45.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

DECEMBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2003	2004	04/03	2003	2004	04/03
	Number of Head					
Cattle	9.9	8.2	83	2,675.3	2,690.5	101
Calves	6.8	6.4	94	97.4	74.7	77
Hogs	109.7	103.5	94	9,361.0	9,250.1	99
Sheep & Lambs	.9	.7	78	261.9	242.4	93
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,180	1,110	94	1,244	1,268	102
Calves	432	402	93	322	334	104
Hogs	272	277	102	269	270	100
Sheep & lambs	111	114	103	137	140	102
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	11,662	9,051	78	3,329,388	3,410,781	102
Calves	2,917	2,559	88	31,413	24,932	79
Hogs	29,901	28,645	96	2,518,208	2,496,511	99
Sheep & Lambs	97	82	85	35,952	33,846	94

U.S. COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2004, were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, eggs, fruit, vegetables, pork, and beef.

Butter stocks were down 9 percent from last month and down 48 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 7 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 11 percent from last month and up 3 percent from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 67 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on December 31, 2004 were 4 percent below the previous month, but 5 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 5 percent from the previous month, but up 19 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 2 percent from last month and down 19 percent from December 31, 2003.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE DECEMBER 31, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Dec 31, 2003	Nov 30, 2004	Dec 31, 2004	December 31, 2004 as percent of	
				12/31/03	11/30/04
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	99,613	57,177	51,795	52	91
Cheese, Total Natural	724,386	704,251	700,232	97	99
Eggs, Frozen	18,036	17,324	19,583	109	113
Fruits, Frozen	998,258	1,155,230	1,074,773	108	93
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,895,360	1,755,498	1,768,010	93	101
Meats, Total Red	878,958	912,602	974,878	111	107
Beef, Total Frozen	395,084	463,297	479,584	121	104
Pork, Total Frozen	470,656	436,332	483,643	103	11
Poultry, Total Frozen	966,703	1,064,635	1,018,686	105	96
Chicken	611,472	769,185	729,689	119	95
Turkeys	354,039	294,868	288,292	81	98
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,118,594	2,423,744	2,218,806	105	92
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,120,418	1,219,345	1,069,071	95	88

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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